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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION ORDER 6220.1B

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni  
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Subj: MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)  
ORDER #1B (ALL INDIVIDUALS ACCESSING MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI)

Ref: (a) USFJ Public Health Emergency Declaration for Japan dtd 15 Apr 20  
(b) DoD Instruction 6200.03, Public Health Emergency Management Within  
the DoD dtd 28 Mar 19  
(c) IIIMEF/MARFORJ COVID-19 Outbreak EXORD  
(d) MCIPAC COVID-19 Outbreak EXORD 01-20

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Order is to provide guidance and direction for the entire Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni community and all individuals accessing MCAS Iwakuni regarding requirements and procedures that apply while assigned to or accessing the air station.

2. Cancellation. MCASO 6220.1A.

3. Situation. On 15 April 2020, the Commander, United State (U.S.) Forces Japan declared a Public Health Emergency for all U.S. military installations in Japan authorizing Commanders to take all necessary means to control this Public Health Emergency per reference (a). Accordingly, this Order identifies conduct that is detrimental to the health and safety of MCAS Iwakuni. It provides requirements for service members; Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) status civilians, contractors, and dependents; Master Labor Contract (MLC)/Indirect Hire Agreement (IHA) employees; and all other persons with access to MCAS Iwakuni. This is a punitive order; military personnel who violate this Order are subject to punishment under Articles 92 and 84, as applicable, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Failure to comply with this Order by civilians may result in administrative sanctions including loss of access to installation facilities. This Order is intended to be temporary to address the current health crisis and will be periodically reviewed to insure it remains relevant and necessary.

4. Mission. To limit the risk of the Novel Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) entering the base to the maximum extent possible while maintaining essential mission functions, life and emergency services, essential services, and command and control activities, to protect the force and ensure MCAS Iwakuni remains postured to support station and tenant missions.

5. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the force by implementing prevention and mitigation activities. All personnel with access to MCAS Iwakuni must do their part to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission by practicing heightened hygiene measures, and avoiding activities that pose a heightened risk of exposure to COVID-19. The total commitment of

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everyone aboard the air station using personal integrity and discipline is required to contain the spread of the virus.

(2) Concept of Operations. All persons with access to MCAS Iwakuni will comply with the directives of Higher Headquarters (HHQs) and those requirements set forth within this Order. Commanders, Officers-In-Charge (OICs), Directors, and Supervisors will ensure that their respective members are aware of and follow the requirements contained herein.

b. Adjacent Command and Subordinate Element Missions. Comply with applicable HHQ directives and the contents of this Order.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Service members, SOFA civilians, MLC/IHA employees and all others who desire access to MCAS Iwakuni are required to adhere to the requirements of this Order. The failure to follow these requirements may result in the loss of installation access privileges, administrative sanctions, early return of dependents and/or tour curtailment. Due to the differing circumstances between SOFA members and local nationals who access the base, local nationals should discuss these requirements with their supervisors for guidance. Exceptions to the below listed requirements can be made on a case-by-case basis per paragraph (6) below. **While many of the previously prohibited activities are now authorized, understand that the heightened risk of exposure to COVID-19 could result in these activities being prohibited again.**

(2) Regulations for leave, liberty, and other non-official activities

(a) Annual leave is authorized for personnel staying in the local area. The local area is defined as Hiroshima, Shimane and Yamaguchi prefectures, with the exception of the municipality of Shimonoseki. Local leave is authorized for active duty service members subject to approval by the first O-5 or O-6 Commander in the chain of command, in accordance with this Order and all applicable directives for the command in question. Any activities, regardless of leave status, must be in compliance to this Order. For all personnel, off-base lodging overnight is prohibited during leave or liberty. The exception to this is that camping is permitted in the local area as described above.

(b) Participation in off-base services are generally authorized in, Shimane Prefecture, Hiroshima Prefecture, and Yamaguchi Prefecture (with the exclusion of Shimonoseki municipality).

(c) Within the area listed in section (b), the following previously prohibited activities are authorized:

1. Use of off-base barbers, beauty and health services (hair/nail salons, etc.)

2. Dine-in options at off base restaurants, both indoor and outdoor seating.

3. Participate in both indoor and outdoor off-base recreational activities.

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4. Participate in elective medical procedures.
5. Patronize all off-base retailers.
6. Visitors and guests (to include off-base house cleaners and other home service providers) may be escorted on-board MCAS Iwakuni if they reside in the included areas of section (b).
7. The use of off-base pet grooming.
8. There is no limit to the number of people who may depart the installation together. However, masks must be worn if social distancing cannot be maintained.
9. The use of public transportation to include taxis, buses, and ferries. However, public transportation is confined to the municipalities of Iwakuni, Yanai, Waki, Otake, Hatsukaiichi, and Suuoshima. All train travel remains prohibited.

(d) The following activities **remain prohibited in all areas:**

1. Visiting off-base bars, tattoo parlors, massage parlors, karaoke clubs, night clubs, snacks, lounges, pachinko parlors and establishments that restrict entry to adults only.
2. Engaging in close contact physical fitness activities.
3. The use of commercial transportation that is not permitted by section (c)9 above.
4. SOFA members working at off-base medical facilities to include, hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

(f) MCAS Iwakuni personnel are authorized to continue to hike, run, swim, golf, go to the beach, camp, fish, visit parks, frequent playgrounds or engage in other on-base and/or off-base outdoor physical fitness activities. They are reminded to avoid close contact and adhere to the guidance for social distancing. Further, group sports which involve only intermittent close contact but require the use of shared equipment is authorized.

(g) When executing liberty, on or off-base, MCAS Iwakuni personnel shall strive to maintain social distancing. Personnel shall wear face coverings when they cannot maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

(h) This Order does not prevent personnel residing off-base from transiting between their residence, designated place of duty, and other locations authorized within this Order.

(i) Only those on-base home businesses that have an approved COVID-19 mitigation plan are authorized to conduct business. COVID-19

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mitigations plans can be submitted for approval to the Station Staff Judge Advocate at Iwakuni.Installation@usmc.mil.

(j) On and off base residential social gatherings, including on base community rooms, are authorized if they comply with social distancing requirements. The number of participants will be limited to the number of individuals who can maintain social distancing in the space used to gather.

(k) On base bars, clubs and other establishments that serve alcohol are permitted. Before opening however, all establishments must submit a risk mitigation plan and the plan be approved by the station Executive Officer.

### (3) Social Distancing

(a) All personnel, including children, will maintain a separation of 6 feet distance from all other personnel at all times both indoors and outdoors. When in doubt, use a double arm interval to judge your distance from others. This provision does not apply to interactions between family members.

(b) There is to be no specific limits as to the numbers of people who can attend gatherings either on base or off base; however, members must practice social distancing and use face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. Do not organize or attend gatherings where social distancing cannot be maintained either indoors or outdoors, such as contact sports or dances. Avoid confined spaces when attending gatherings indoors.

(c) Dependents of all ages will practice social distancing. Limit social interactions among children where 6 feet of separation cannot be achieved. Parents and guardians should supervise outdoor activities where interaction is likely, such as playgrounds, to ensure social distancing is maintained. Face coverings should be worn by children over 3 years of age in cases where social distancing cannot be maintained.

(4) Restriction of Movement (ROM). MCAS Iwakuni personnel are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding an order into conditional release, quarantine or isolation.

(5) In the event that a HHQ directive conflicts with the guidance set forth in this Order, the more restrictive guidance applies.

(6) Exemptions. Requests for exemptions to the requirements set forth in this Order for mission essential, humanitarian, or extreme hardship situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Individuals remain subject to requirements set forth in this Order pending the approval of the exemption request.

(a) Service members and their dependents must route such requests through the chain of command for approval by the O-5 Commander. Following the departure of Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5) commands, CVW-5 dependents may route such requests to the CVW-5 Beach Detachment OIC for approval. All Tenant

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Commands shall forward approved exemption requests to the Station Adjutant at integrityiwakuni@usmc.mil.

(b) Members of the SOFA civilian component (civilian employees, contractors, and their dependents) and local national employees (MLC/IHA) are required to route such requests to the Station Executive Officer via his/her supervisor or sponsor(if applicable). Exemption requests shall include proposed measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

#### 6. Administration and Logistics

a. Tenant Commanders shall implement the requirements set forth in this Order and hold those that violate its contents accountable in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition to any HHQ reporting requirement, all violations shall also be reported to integrityiwakuni@usmc.mil.

(1) Depending on the nature of the violation, a 14-day ROM order may be necessary to protect the health and safety of the installation.

(2) Cases of violations of this Order by civilian members of your organizations shall be forwarded to the Base Magistrate for adjudication.

b. The Base Magistrate shall consider cases of alleged violations of this Order by civilians.

c. The Provost Marshal's Office shall take those steps necessary to enforce the provisions of this Order including but not limited to the issuance of citations.

d. Compliance with this Order is a personal responsibility of every person, regardless of status, who has access to MCAS Iwakuni. Violations of this Order can be reported at integrityiwakuni@usmc.mil. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, those who report violations via email should include as much information as possible about the incident. In addition, violations can be reported immediately to the following Command Duty Officers (CDO):

(1) MCAS Iwakuni CDO at 253-4001, commercial (0827) 79-4001.

(2) Marine Aircraft Group 12 CDO at 255-7508, commercial (0827) 94-7508.

(3) CVW-5 Quarterdeck at 255-1900, commercial (0827) 94-1900.

#### 7. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all service members; SOFA civilian employees, contractors, and dependents; MLC/IHA employees; and all others who access MCAS Iwakuni.

##### b. Signal

(1) This Order is effective beginning 19 June 2020 and shall remain effective until modified or rescinded.

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(2) Questions regarding this Order shall be directed to the Station Staff Judge Advocate at [jeremy.call@usmc.mil](mailto:jeremy.call@usmc.mil) or 253-3560.



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